



**Peacebuilding Training and Education for SAARC Emerging Leaders**



**SAARC-South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation  
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CONTACT, or Conflict Transformation Across Cultures, is a short-term, concentrated training program for emerging leaders from around the world who are engaged in responding to conflict, promoting social change, and building sustainable peace. Founded in 1997, the CONTACT Summer Peacebuilding Program is offered annually in June in Vermont, USA, on the SIT campus. With more than 1000 graduates spanning the globe, CONTACT is of proven effectiveness in educating leaders for conflict transformation, peace, and meaningful international exchange.

Forty South Asian students will be selected annually by application, based on their position, work experience, educational background, English skills, reference, and geographic location. We will seek a balance of men and women representing all eight SAARC countries. Internationals that live and work in SAARC are also invited to apply.

In keeping with the long and successful experiences in Vermont, the format of the courses will be experiential and interactive, with an emphasis on community-building and multicultural sensitivity across all the critical divisions of religion, ethnicity, nationality, gender, and other salient identities. Students who complete the program will be awarded a certificate of completion from the accredited SIT Graduate Institute, and will be networked online with more than 1000 CONTACT graduates worldwide.

Application deadline for SAARC CONTACT is October 15, 2010

For application, course description and schedule, fees, etc. please write to [contactprogram@sit.edu](mailto:contactprogram@sit.edu)

**Thank you for strengthening our networks of peacebuilders.**

